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SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COMMITTEE

12 December 1957

SUGGESTION NO. 2922: dated 15 March 1957

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Geography Division, ORR, DD/I

A. Summary of Suggestion

It is suggested that O/TR, in planning area training courses experiment with the method outlined below and put it into general use if it is found to be effective.

- (1) Set up a lecture room with two screens side by side and two 35 mm slide projectors.
- (2) One screen to be used for 35 mm color slides (pictures) and other for maps on 35 mm slides (color or monochrome).
- (3) The lecturer standing between the screens could comment on a picture and, while it is still in view, indicate on the map the location of the place or feature in the picture and, if pertinent, the region of which the photo area is representative.
- (4) Special purpose maps could be projected on the screen to make particular pictures or sequences more meaningful, e.g. a pic of a representative oasis in Arabia could be accompanied by a map showing the distribution of oasis agriculture in the Arabian peninsula.

B. Summary of Evaluations

On 4 April 1957 the Chief, Plans and Policy Staff, Office of Training stated:

"The Office of Training finds this idea interesting and plans to experiment with it in future courses. This idea would not result in savings to the Agency; on the contrary, it would increase the costs of providing area instruction. OTR believes it can minimize costs and achieve comparable results by having maps on slides and interspersing them at appropriate intervals during the showing of the photograph slides. While the suggestion is welcome and commendable, we believe it does not merit a monetary award but rather a commendation for proposing it."

On 26 November 1957 the Office of Training detailed the results of its test as follows:

"Rather than experiment with two 35 mm slide projectors and two screens, as proposed in suggestion No. 2922, we tried and have adopted a substitute procedure which has proved to be highly satisfactory."

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We have had a map of Western Europe made which is visible in the darkened room, using the 'black light' process, and will have other similar maps made on other areas as needed. This technique was much mor inexpensive than the one proposed in the subject suggestion, and was much more adaptable to our rather cramped area studies lecture room in I Building. Our present screen takes up most of the front of the room, and the 'illuminated map' which we are using could be set at an angle in one corner. It has proved highly effective and has been well received by the students.

The suggestion for this map came from [redacted] of our staff, but we certainly would not wish to deny credit to the author of suggestion No. 2922 for providing some of the inspiration for [redacted] idea."

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The Deputy Director of Training made the following recommendation:

"Though the suggestion, as proposed, was not suitable for adoption, it seems to have contributed to the development of an alternative means of accomplishing the desired objective. Therefore I consider that it is worth a small award and recommend something on the order of \$15.00.

C. Line of Duty Status

Not in line-of-duty. (Geographer)

D. Executive Secretary's Recommendation

Acknowledge contribution of suggester with letter of Appreciation. There are no savings and intangible improvement is from adaptation made by Office of Training.

E. Decision of Committee

Adopted    15.00 Award     Letter of Appreciation  
 Not Adopted

*D.C. moved 15 seconded*

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